



Connecting Volunteering Third Sector Forum

Wednesday 30th October 2019

10am – 12pm

CVS Falkirk and District Offices

Present:

Scott Malcolm (SM) (Chair)

CVS Falkirk and District

Becca Heggie (BH) (Minute Taker)

CVS Falkirk and District

Carolyn Dick (CD)

The Conservation Volunteers
Falkirk and District

Geoff Reid (GR)

SACRO

John McGhee (JM)

Scottish Seniors Computer
Club Falkirk

Martin Kenny (MK)

Royal Voluntary Service

Victoria McRae (VM)

CVS Falkirk and District

Apologies:

Lynda Ross Hale (LRH)

Cyrenians

Kate Hughes (KH)

Denny Citizens Advice Bureau

Lisa Robertson (LR)

British Heart Foundation

Morag Fullard (MF)

Falkirk's Mental Health Association

Tamara Hornton (TH)

Falkirk Community Trust

Lisa Marie Pert (LMP)

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1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed forum members to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

3. Scottish Household Survey (SHS)

SM provided forum members with a report from the Scottish Household Survey. The SHS gathers small local samples of information on volunteering. SM informed forum members the SHS is limited due to the small sample size which could produce inconsistent results. SM referred to section 1.3 of the SHS which was collated between 2007-2017 and produces more accurate results due to the length of time.



SM gave a brief summary of section 1.4 which states volunteering needs to diversify in terms of the groups of people who are volunteering.

SM highlighted the key points of the SHS to forum members:

- Informal volunteering is more inclusive across society, with a volunteering participation rate of 31% in the most deprived areas compared to 39% in the 20% least deprived areas.
- Informal volunteering is an important litmus test for strong neighbourhoods and engaged communities. Communities where people help each other informally provide invaluable contributions in the alleviation of social isolation and loneliness, 18% of people keep in touch with someone who is at risk of being lonely.
- The headline rate for formal volunteering has declined to 26% from 28% in 2017; however there are signs that formal volunteering is becoming more inclusive.
- The gap between adult volunteering and rates in the most and least deprived areas has reduced from 18% in 2017 to 11% in 2018.
- The increased volunteering participation for those who are unemployed up from 24% in 2017 to 26% in 2018.
- The adult formal volunteering participation rate may be lower in 2018 but the frequency of volunteering is higher.
- The 35- 44 age group still have the highest volunteering participation of any age group at 33%.
- Higher contribution of women volunteers in the 35-44 age group, 37% for women versus 28% for men.
- There has been a decline in youth volunteering to 26% for those aged 16-24 compared to 29% in 2017.

VM noted within the survey gives an idea of the type of volunteering throughout the whole of Scotland and Falkirk is above the national average.

4. Volunteering for all: national framework

In the last 18 months Scottish Government has been working with partners from the volunteer and community sector, local government and NHS, with academics and social researchers, and with volunteers to produce a volunteering strategy.

Back in 2004 Scottish Government launched their volunteering strategy which provided a theoretical base to further develop volunteering. In 2014 Scottish Government refreshed their volunteering strategy.

VM noted volunteering has evolved since then and would like to produce a working document using the information from SHS, third sector organisations and locality planning with aims of creating diversity.

Scottish Government have created a Scottish volunteering framework strategy , VM informed forum members she would like to link the strategy to SHS and look at how Falkirk can drive this forward.

VM went on to speak about the objectives of the framework:

- Set out clearly and in one place a coherent and compelling narrative for volunteering.
- Define the key outcomes desired for volunteering in Scotland over the next ten years.
- Identify the key data and evidence that will inform, indicate and drive performance at a national and local level.
- Enable informed debate and decision about the optimal combination of programmes, investments and interventions.

The Framework development was overseen by an External Reference Group, whose remit was to:

- Provide leadership and facilitate collaboration across a range of partners and sectors to develop the Volunteering Outcomes Framework in order to influence decision-making on the development of related policies at local and national levels.
- Advise Scottish Government on priorities, challenges and actions, championing the role of volunteering in delivering the Scottish Government's Purpose and National Outcomes.

Action: VM to send forum members link to Volunteering Framework document.

5. Third Sector Partner Updates

5.1 Royal Voluntary Service (RVS)

MK informed forum members RVS are currently focusing on, On Ward Services, which involve volunteers working on the wards in hospitals to provide support to older people to make their stay in hospital easier. MK noted he is keen to link with organisations to look at co-production opportunities to provide support to older people when they leave hospital.

MK informed forum members he is running a hub project in Stirling which he would like to replicate in Falkirk Community hospital.

Action: MK to send details of community hub in Stirling.

Action: JK to help look at a range of services to promote through community hub.

5.2 The Conservation Volunteers (TVC)

CD informed forum members she took two volunteers with disabilities to London to collect a runner up prize in the TCV Green Heroes of the Community award.

CD gave a brief update about the projects taking place in Camelon such as the, Youth Club, Nature Club and the Wellie boot Toddler which is a closed group for families in Camelon.

5.3 SACRO

SACRO currently only have one active volunteer, who attended the staff conference last week and has completed the first part of her training. Their volunteer would like to progress onto an intensive support package which involves monitoring high level offenders. GR has signposted her onto a whole systems approach worker which will help her achieve her outcomes.

Action: GR to review volunteering opportunities currently on our system.

5.4 Scottish Seniors Computer Club Falkirk

Scottish Seniors Computer Club is now based at Tesco Redding Community Room, Colliery Road, Redding, FK2 9RA. JM informed forum members they are looking for three new volunteers. The group are also now a part of the Online Centres Network and can use the Learn My Way programme for IT. JM noted the programme is a structured training course for learners and volunteers.

Action: JM to send information on Online Centres Network to SM.

6. Update from CVS Falkirk Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme 2019

Working in partnership with Forth Valley, NHS Falkirk Council is once again offering a seasonal flu vaccination to Care Workers. Vaccination is the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus that can cause unpleasant illness in children and severe illness and even death among at-risk groups including older people, pregnant women and those with an underlying medical health condition.

Your role has a potentially heightened risk of infection which can readily be transmitted to vulnerable service users. You also provide a valuable service to the community and vaccination can help ensure this very important service can be sustained.

We would like to invite to attend the following venue to receive a flu vaccination; other clinics will be held later in the season:

Date Vaccination Centre:

Friday 8th November 2019 Rossvail Training Room, Camelon



Appointments are available between 9.30am & 4.30pm.

To book an appointment please call 01324 506070 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Please select Option 4, followed by Option 3. You may experience a brief delay when calling this number.

Where possible please try and arrange an appointment that is outwith your normal working hours to minimise disruptions to service.

If you suffer from an egg allergy you will require a separate vaccine. Please advise the call handler of this when you book your appointment.

Action: SM to circulate information about flu vaccination to forum members.

7. AOCB

None.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th January 2020, 10am – 12pm, CVS Falkirk offices.

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